

## WIDOW COULES HER EAST VICTIMS

Matrimonial Bureau Woman  
Claims to Be Public  
Benefactress.

### WERE LUDICROUS LOVERS

Every One Anxious to Marry Her in  
Order to Share Her and  
Take Money.

By DOROTHY DIX.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—In olden times, when the sirens wished to lure men into their nets they sat upon the rocks and combed their hair with a golden comb and sang a little song.

The modern Circe sits at home in a luxuriously furnished house and inserts a modest little "ad" in the newspaper or answers the wall of a lonely heart that has taken that way of seeking its affinity.

Both methods work. The victims come and depart poorer and wiser men, and the way the trick was done, was amusingly explained by Mrs. Blina F. Verrault—or Mrs. Helen Hamilton—held in court to answer the charge of various men who asserted that they had wooed her with costly jewels and expensive feeds, and cold, hard cash, under the promise to marry, but that she had failed to make good. Wherefore, they claimed, that they had been cruelly robbed and that they very love letters breathing words of devotion were false and misleading and laid her liable to the law for using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

### Are Well-Dressed Women.

It must be admitted that as Mrs. Hamilton and her friend, Mrs. James Pemberton Brown, entered their lawyer's office, neither one looked like the conventional siren. They were just two remarkably nice looking, well-dressed women.

Mrs. Hamilton is stouter than her friend, though she has a fine, strong, athletic figure, and is a woman who would guess to be about thirty years old.

Her complexion is rather sallow, her features rather heavy, her hair a glossy brown. Her eyes, though, are large and beautiful, and she has a big, humorous mouth and smiles continually, showing strong, white regular teeth.

### Says She Is Public Benefactor.

"I really," she said, "consider myself a public benefactor for having taken in these men, who seek to get acquainted with women by means of money. I am a woman who does such things. A man who really wants to honestly marry a woman does not advertise for a wife as he would for a cook. Every one of them intends some wrong to the woman, to take advantage of her in some way, and to go home with a big fat wallet. And so I think I have done women a service in giving some of these smart ones a lesson. Maybe by the time they get through with learning it they will be willing to go back and marry some good girl in their own station in life."

### Suitors Were Ridiculous.

"But they were too funny," she laughed with a flash of white teeth. "Let me tell you there is nothing else on earth so easy to fool as a man who is trying to marry a woman for her money. That's where we got them. We have a finely furnished house, with rugs and bric-a-brac and the books—the appointments of a woman of wealth, you know, and a button at the door and a butler looming up in the background, and the man would come and take a look at the stage setting and go down on their knees and pop the question right off at the first visit."

"I never even told McClelland, the little Philadelphia grocer, that I had money. He thought he saw it, and saw himself luxuriating in it. He was so sure he was getting it, that he was willing to give me any amount of money. I told him that I was a widow, and he told me that he would give me a million dollars. I told him that I was a widow, and he told me that he would give me a million dollars. I told him that I was a widow, and he told me that he would give me a million dollars."

"Wasn't it too funny? They were all going to settle down and have me support them. I had been trying to get what I had, and when I got some of their money they all squealed. And such suckers! How do you suppose that a man figures it out that a widow, young, good-looking and rich, has to advertise for a husband in the papers? Or that a woman would fall in love with any man and be ready to turn over a \$10,000 a year income at sight?"

"Of course, it is not so surprising about the Philadelphia, but what amused me most was Mr. Kleiser. I answered his advertisement. He said he wanted to meet a rich widow, or girl, object matrimony, and he came to see me, and he, too, went down before the patient look of mine. He told me that he had a high position in the Mutual Life, and that he knew all about the different forms of graft in the business, and was in the habit of profiting by it. Adding that he considered it a Christian duty to help take away some of this ill-gotten gain from these grafters."

### Hours on His Knees.

"He was the worst," pursued Mrs. Verrault. "He would spend hours on his knees, kissing my hand, and declaring that if I ever changed, he would kill himself on my front steps. He also expressed a perfect willingness to come and live in my house, where he thought he could be very happy on my \$10,000 a year."

He said that all Hungarians expected to marry rich Americans when they come to this country, and the reason he advertised was because he did not know how to get acquainted with a woman with money. He gave me a ring, and some money, and a locket to put his picture in. Goodness, a man ought to say you for wearing his picture around your neck, ought he not? I think it would be worth \$50,000 a year to wear Kleiser's, but I will bite at the bait. The situation is a new and novel one."

### Was Unnoticed as Stenographer.

"Everyone of them believed that I was rich and silly enough to let him get hold of my fortune, that is, the very first time they saw me. They would swear I was the first and only woman they ever saw that they could love. None of them ever felt that way about me when I was a poor stenographer. Oh, it is easy enough for a woman to fool a man who is trying to marry her for money. He will bite at the bait. The situation is a new and novel one."

## VETERANS PARADE; 20,000 ON REVIEW



R. D. BROWN,  
Of Zanesville, Ohio, Who Will Probably Be the Next Leader of Veterans.

## COMRADES GATHER AROUND CAMPFIRE TO HEAR TANNER

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 15.—To rattle of drums and the shrill song of fifes, the men who claim the title of veterans gathered in the streets of Minneapolis today on the occasion of the fortieth annual review.

Today's parade was one of the greatest in recent years. The number of veterans in the city exceeds the attendance at any encampment in many years. Twenty thousand veterans were in line. From 8 o'clock until nearly midnight last night Minneapolis' great auditorium echoed and re-echoed to songs, sentiments, and cheers for the occasion that is to the rank and file of veterans the principal feature of the week's program.

The big camp-fire calls together old comrades of the sixties in the most intimate contact of the entire great assembly.

Commander-in-Chief Tanner, in an eloquent, fervid address, referred with pointed invective to violent corruption that had again nearly rent the Union in twain. He aroused tumultuous enthusiasm by his arraignment of the Standard Oil and other trusts.

"Scan these monopolies fairly," said Corporal Tanner, "and I defy you to find among them a veteran of the civil war, who were either blue or gray. We built character in the sixties and in the name of nearly a quarter of a million of these sterling characters, I thank Minneapolis and Minnesota for its welcome and its incomparable hospitality."

Silk Stockings Attend.

The Columbia Club, of Chicago, of Illinois W. R. C., one of the most prominent organizations which has arrived to attend the encampment, has been called the silk stocking club of Chicago for its boasts of some of the wealthiest and most prominent women of the city and admission to its membership is difficult to secure. For five years its president presented each member with a pair of silk stockings as a tacit recognition of the name given it.

All of its members are prominent clubwomen.

Saratoga, N. Y., is conducting a vigorous campaign for the next encampment, and it looks like R. D. Brown, of Zanesville, Ohio, for the next commander-in-chief.

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German Baron Also Victim.

Another victim of the wiles of the fascinating Mrs. Blina F. Verrault, alias Mrs. Helen Hamilton, turned up today. He visited Lawyer Hugh Gordon Miller, counsel for the woman, and said he was a German baron. He begged to get back a bundle of love letters he had written to Mrs. Hamilton.

The baron said he was the real article, but that distinction had not prevented his arrival in this country penniless. Needing money, he arranged with a friend of his, a downtown jeweler, to lend him \$1,000 of gems to make a necklace for some fair and rich creature in search of a husband. He saw a "Personal," answered it, became acquainted with Mrs. Verrault, and gave her the jewels. Now they are gone, and he hears he won't be able to share her big fortune, which he was to divide with his friend, the jeweler. Also he is afraid the jeweler will have him arrested if he does not get back the jewels.

Grocer Glad He Is Not Alone.

James S. McClelland, the Philadelphia grocer who is out \$800, was a sad and broken man today.

"I guess I was stung," he said remorsefully, "but I was lucky after all, for she only got a little out of me. I was smart enough to close down on her after I was stung. When she saw how sharp I was in money matters she quit writing to me."

Suddenly a happy thought occurred to the grocer. He sprang gleefully to the aid of his sorrow and said exultantly: "You ought to see the other fellows—the poor fools. Why some of them are out \$2,000 and I even heard of one fellow that gave her altogether \$6,000."

### DEATH RECORD.

Lola R. Hayden, 14 years, 412 Tenth street northwest.  
John Farrell, 65 years, 1230 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.  
Henry S. Gause, 55 years, Lane place, Deanwood.  
Elliott Brown, 56 years, 1910 Eighteenth street northwest.  
Melvin DeShazo, 3 years, 243 Eighth street southeast.  
Amelia Johnson, 64 years, 2139 P street northwest.  
Annie D. Dubant, 47 years, 410 M street northwest.  
Mazzareno Turilo, 20 years, Purdeys street northwest.  
Delele Jones, 35 years, 1371 Ohio avenue.  
Arthur C. C. Evans, 64 years, 615 K street northwest.  
Joseph W. Clarke, 28 years, 715 Rhode Island avenue northwest.  
Adam Stenhouse, 44 years, 1443 C street southeast.  
Edward Mason, 50 years, 1236 Twenty-fifth street northwest.  
Carl W. Beistbrook, 36 years, 441 Fifth street northeast.  
Bertha Burgess, 29 years, 2321 Seventh street.  
Isabel C. Williams, 1 year, 323 Lincoln place southwest.  
Julia A. Lee, 41 years, Freedmen's Hospital.  
Annie Royer, 36 years, 475 Maryland avenue southwest.  
Dorothy Adams, 5 months, House of Mercy.  
Sidney Garner, 3 days, 519 Fourth street northwest.  
Sarah George, 1 day, 217 Balls court.

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## DELAWARE'S PEACH CROP RUINED BY THE RAINS

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 15.—The Delaware fruit crop this season has proved a bitter disappointment to growers. The wet weather played havoc with the peaches, and the yield will not be more than one-fifth as large as was expected six weeks ago. What fruit remains is badly rotting, and much of it unfit for shipment. The loss will be heavy, as many growers were at considerable expense in spraying their orchards last spring.

The plum crop also was practically a failure, and the wet weather in some regions has ruined whole vineyards of grapes.

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## CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY BY FIFTY-MILE RIDE

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 15.—"Uncle" Richard Toomes, who has been a resident of the Odd Fellows' Home, celebrated his ninety-eighth birthday yesterday, and, as has been his custom for several years, he spent most of the day at the home of his nephew, Thomas Toomes, Falls of Schuylkill, where a family reunion was held in company with William Fryer, a fellow-resident of his nephew.

"Uncle" Richard was born in England, August 11, 1807, came to this country in 1832 and followed his trade as a cloth weaver. Despite his years he is well preserved and has never used spectacles, being able to read fine print without the aid of glasses. He thinks his long life is due to the fact that lemons have been his chief medicine.

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## ROBBED OF HIS MONEY AT START OF JOURNEY

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 15.—Frank Losko was about to take a train in this city for the West when a fellow-countryman rushed up to him and asked him to change a \$20 bill.

Losko pulled out a roll of bills, in which there was \$20. The stranger grabbed the money and escaped in the crowd.

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